

Town of Lewis

Public Hearing for the Consideration of Formation of EMS District

June 4th, 2025

Lewis Town Hall - 6:30 PM

Present: Counselors Lanita Canavan, Terry Pulsifer, John Blades and Steve Denton, Supervisor James Monty, Highway Superintendent Kevin Denton.

Public Present: Gerald Spooner, Glen & Donna Crowningshield, Connie Lewis, David Blades, Sharon & Oril Bashaw, Jim & Deb Pulsifer, Darren Dickerson, Mary Reynolds and Jeff Scott.

Called to Order: The Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Monty at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Monty opened the Public Hearing stating the Ambulance Squad approached him to bring the EMS District up again. It did only fail by 5 votes last year. Some people reached out to Supervisor Monty saying they didn't understand what they were voting for, therefore they didn't vote. The Board will decide at the next Board Meeting whether they will continue on to a public vote or to continue on as a yearly contract. The next Board Meeting will be June 10, 2025. If the Board decides to have it voted on then they will begin the process of a second Public Hearing that has all the updated numbers, information and how much it'll cost.

Supervisor Monty asked the Board their thoughts.

Counselor Canavan stated she wasn't in favor of it as we never had access to the Ambulance Squads bank statements and their not transparent when it comes to their finances.

Counselor Pulsifer stated the Board is not getting hard numbers when we ask for them. His thoughts are, for having an EMS District, it should be open to the Public as he doesn't feel the Board Members should be the ones to decide, the Public should have a decision too.

Counselors Blades and Denton share the same comments as Counselor Pulsifer.

Supervisor Monty opened it up for public comment. Darren Dickerson stated the Board hasn't received anything they've asked for and nothing has changed. Connie Lewis said there are no exemptions for Seniors if EMS forms a district. Mary Reynolds asked what reports we are getting from EMS and if she could help with any detailed reports. Jeff Scott stated, with the lack of information, how can the Board decide to put it up for a vote again. Dave Blades stated he thought someone from the Ambulance Squad would be here at the meeting. He would like to see a plan from EMS before he could make any decision. Jim Pulsifer stated when the Board lets the EMS try again, to form the EMS District, they need to show proof of what's being asked for.

Most of the public, at the meeting, don't feel there should be another vote unless the EMS can provide more reliable figures and more information.

There were no other public comments.

Supervisor Monty asked the Town Board for any questions or concerns they may have. There were no concerns or comments from the Town Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Williams
Town Clerk